

Donalsonville, GA – Rep. Sanford D. Bishop Jr. (GA-02) toured downtown Donalsonville, Georgia today to see the damage caused by severe storms and subsequent fires earlier this month. Donalsonville Mayor Joe Burke, City Manager Marty Shingler, and business owners affected by the storm, joined Rep. Bishop on the tour.

At least seven businesses suffered damage after lightning struck Black Electronics on Cherry Street and spread through half of a city block in downtown Donalsonville. Seven people died in Georgia because of the storm, which caused major damage across the southeast.

"My heart goes out to all of those who were affected by the damage these storms caused in Donalsonville," said Rep. Bishop. "You cannot appreciate how severe the damage was until you see it with your own eyes, but I am not surprised that the community has rallied around one another. I hope that the businesses which were affected can rebuild quickly, and I intend to work closely with Mayor Burke to secure the federal assistance downtown Donalsonville needs to come back even stronger."

Individuals affected by the storm can seek federal assistance by going to the website [www.disasterassistance.gov/federal-agency](http://www.disasterassistance.gov/federal-agency) to find a list of federal agencies that provide disaster relief. Those in need of assistance can also contact James Crozier in Rep. Bishop's office at (229) 439-8067.

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